

**In the Specification**

Please amended the specification as follows:

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It is preferred that the thinkness of the layer is as thin as possible and layer of 3 4 mm or less have been found to be advantageous. The layer may be bonded to one or both of the members or may be keyed to one or both. Each surface contiguous a member is preferably secured in operation so that relative movement between the members produces a shear movement within the elastomer. The thinness of the layer will reduce the tendency toward compression and will hence provide improved stability of the positioning of the component and will enhance the axial stiffness of each link articulation in the segment.